

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 610

By Haynes

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Wade Hudgens, Jr.
on the celebration of their fifty-fifth wedding
anniversary.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pleasure in paying tribute to those
successful marriages that have stood the test of time to serve as exemplars for present and
future generations; and

WHEREAS, on April 12, 1947, Wade Hudgens, Jr., and Ruth Owens eloped to Franklin,
Kentucky and were joined in holy matrimony by the local Justice of the Peace, and since that
fateful day this outstanding couple has faced the world as one, basking in the glow of their love
for each other during both life's joys and sorrows; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Hudgens have been highly respected citizens of the Whites
Creek community for over 55 years; they are the very epitome of good neighbors, as they
always endeavor to treat others as they would like to be treated; and

WHEREAS, before his retirement in 1985, Mr. Wade Hudgens served with acumen and
alacrity as an employee of the United Methodist Publishing House for thirty-three years, in which
position he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his
work; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Ruth Hudgens, likewise, was employed with the United Methodist Publishing House before her retirement in 1989 with an exemplary record of forty years of service; and

WHEREAS, Wade and Ruth are active and devout members of the Whites Creek Church of Christ, where they have faithfully served their Lord for many years; Ruth's family has a long history with the Whites Creek Church of Christ, as it was founded a century ago by her parents, Willis and Susie Owens; and

WHEREAS, this fine couple's praiseworthy marriage has produced three children, each of whom has excelled in his or her particular field of endeavor; the Hudgenses children are Michael Hudgens, Johnny Hudgens, and Belinda Bannister; and

WHEREAS, the Hudgenses are also the proud grandparents of three grandchildren, Jason Hudgens, Angela Hudgens, and Christin Murray, and one great-grandchild, Shannon Murray; and

WHEREAS, for fifty-five years this blessed union has grown and prospered as an expression of time-honored family values and selfless love; and

WHEREAS, marriages such as the Hudgenses are truly the rock-solid foundation upon which our society is built and a beacon of sanity and continuity in these turbulent times; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Wade Hudgens, Jr. on the celebration of their fifty-fifth wedding anniversary and extend to them our best wishes for much continued happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.